

Appl. Serial No.: 10/622,561
Amendment dated October 25, 2004
Reply to Office action of August 10, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain in the application. By this amendment, claims 1-10, and 12 have been amended. The present application as originally filed supports these amendments. No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections

Claim 2 has been objected to because the recitation "one of the runners" lacks positive antecedent basis. Claim 2 has been amended to delete the recitation "one of the runners".

Claim 9 has been objected to because the recitation "the non-rotating portion . . ." lacks antecedent basis. In response, applicant has amended claim 9 to depend from claim 8.

Indication of Allowance

The applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 18-20 are allowed as originally filed.

The applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 5, 6, 8, 9 and 15-17 will be allowed if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, claims 5, 6, and 8 have been amended into independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 9 has been amended to depend from claim 8, and claims 15-17 remain dependent from amended claim 8. Applicant, therefore, submits that claims 5, 6, 8, 9 and 15-17 are in condition for allowance.

In addition, claims 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, and 12 have been amended to depend from claim 8, and claim 11 depends from claim 10 and claims 13 and 14 depend from claim 12. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-4, 7, and 10-14 are in condition for allowance.

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Claim 1 has been amended to add the recitation "a turntable including a non-rotating portion secured to the table assembly and a rotating portion rotatably mounted on the non-rotating portion, and wherein the bucky is secured to the rotating portion". Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks submitted herein, applicant believes that all claims pending in the application are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests such allowance. If a telephone conference will expedite prosecution of the application the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned. If additional fees are required, or otherwise necessary to cover any deficiency in fees already paid, authorization is hereby given to charge our deposit account no. 50-1133.

Respectfully submitted,

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